

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

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### PART 7: AVOIDING HELL

#### JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

To gain an understanding of justification by faith, it is necessary to examine the human race. **Romans 5:1-2**

1. What happens when the physical body dies?
  - A. The Bible tells us that the human body is just a temporary vehicle for the soul to use on earth. **Genesis 2:7**
  - B. The physical body is not eternal; it has a maximum life span of 120 years. **Genesis 6:3**
  - C. The physical body decomposes after death but the soul is eternal and is released from the body. **1 Corinthians 15:49-50**
2. What happens to the soul after leaving the physical body?
  - A. The Bible tells us that there is judgment after the physical body dies. **Hebrews 9:27**
3. What about the people who do not believe in a life after the death?
  - A. The Bible states that all human beings – from Adam till the last person on earth – must give an account of their lives. There is only one God and He has decreed that everyone give an account, regardless what they believed or what religion they belonged to. **Revelation 20:11-15**

#### TWO DESTINATIONS

A soul is eternal once it has been created by God. As previously stated, the physical body has a maximum life span of 120 years and then the soul is transferred from earth.

If a person has accepted Christ and been born again, the soul is taken to heaven. **2 Corinthians 5:6-9**

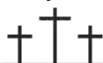
If a person has not been born again, the soul is taken to hell. **Luke 16:19-31**

Prior to the new creation, there will be the Great White Throne Judgment and the eternal fate of souls will be determined. Those who were not born again will be sent to the Lake of Fire and eternal torment.

Those who were born again will be taken to the new creation and live with God for eternity. **Revelation 21:1-7**

#### JUSTIFICATION IS MANDATORY

With our knowledge of life after the death, it becomes clear that every soul must be justified and sanctified in order to avoid the Lake of Fire. Justification should be the priority of every human being; not taking any action is insanity.



How is a person justified? We are sanctified by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. **Hebrews 9:19-28**

Does this mean that salvation and justification are automatically given to everyone? No, each person must receive it by faith when they repent and confess that Jesus paid for the sins of mankind. **Romans 10:8-15**

Jesus made it very clear that you must be born again in order to avoid the Lake of Fire. **John 3:1-8**

## **NO SELF-JUSTIFICATION**

The salvation provided by Jesus comes by grace. You cannot do anything to earn it. **Ephesians 2:8-10**

The salvation work was done exclusively by Jesus. **2 Corinthians 5:16-19**

Mankind has two responsibilities:

1. Repent and receive forgiveness from sin. **Acts 3:19**
2. Share the good news with others. **Matthew 28:18-20**

## **THE FRUIT**

Once we fully recognize the awesomeness of salvation and justification, we should not even begin to complain about tribulations on this earth. Persecution, rejection from unbelievers should not even faze us. **Romans 5:3-5**

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

***Do you have an ear to hear with?***